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Composition: Rainsford in Action

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**SKILLS PAGE**

**9.3 Active and Passive Voice**

MY SENTENCES: When Rainsford meets General Zaroff, he is recognized by the General for writing a book about hunting.

Rainsford is known around the world as a hunter.

EXPLANATION: Use the Passing Voice sparingly. The passive voice is less direct, less forceful, and less concise than the active voice. I found this information on page 213 of the *Holt Handbook*.

* In both situations, the passive voice is less forceful than the active voice

REVISED EXAMPLES: When Rainsford meets General Zaroff, he recognizes the General from a book about hunting.

Rainsford is a world-renowned hunter.

ORIGINAL EXAMPLES: Mr. Lee invited me over for dinner last night.